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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

SECSTATE WASHDC 7034

INFO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SEVERE DAMAGE TO GUILER HHE - TA-4-61717 DTD 11 OCT 73

CARACAS FOR ADMINOFF

1. HHE OF DEBBIE GUILER ARRIVED WITH A MINIMUM OF 50 PERCENT DESTRUCTION DUE TO WATER DAMAGE AND BREAKAGE. PROFESSIONAL CLAIMS ADJUSTER NOW IN PROCESS OF WRITING REPORT FOR CLAIMS TO BE MADE AGAINST CARRIERS AND PACKERS.
2. DAMAGE DID NOT OCCUR IN BRIDGETOWN BUT AT SOME POINT ENROUTE. DAMAGE IS APPARENTLY THE RESULT OF A COMBINATION OF EXTREMELY POOR PACKING, POOR STORAGE WHILE AWAITING TRANSFER, AND DECK STORAGE DURING SURFACE PORTION OF SHIPMENT. THIS SHIPMENT WAS PACKED FOR AIR-SHIPMENT WHICH WAS ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY FOR SEA VOYAGE. SHIPMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PACKED FOR SURFACE SHIPMENT OR INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN FOR REPACKING AFTER ARRIVAL PORT OF SPAIN AND PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF SEA PHASE OF SHIPMENT. CHEMICAL TESTS ARE BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IF PRIMARY DAMAGE WAS RESULT OF SEA WATER OR FRESH WATER.
3. REQUEST THAT CARACAS INFORM CARRIERS AND PACKERS OF IMPENDING CLAIMS. BRIDGETOWN WILL FORWARD ADJUSTER'S AND POST'S REPORT TO CARACAS AND ASK THAT EMBASSY MAKE FORMAL CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

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4. ASSUMING THAT THE NORM HOLD AND CARRIERS AND PACKERS

REFUSE PAY CLAIM GUILER WILL FILE TO RECOVER LOSSES UNDER
THE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES CLAIMS ACT OF
1964. DUE TO MAGNITUDE OF LOSS GUILER MAY CHOOSE TO REQUEST
ADVANCE PAYMENT OF CLAIM UNDER 3 FAM 691.14.
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